

# 34,000 Trek Back to City Classrooms Today

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LAST DAY... Reminding voters that tomorrow is the final day to register to vote in the Nov. 8 general election are (from left) Mrs. James Barnett, Mrs. Joseph Wapner, and Mrs. William B. Keene, Mrs. Wapner is the chairman of the Southern California Women's Committee to Re-Elect Governor Brown and Mrs. Keene is the wife of Judge William B. Keene, former South Bay Municipal Court judge who was elevated to the Superior Court by Governor Brown.

# Ballot Issue on Mayor Clears Final Hurdles

## County Okays Measure, City Puts Up Money

Torrance voters will decide whether they or the City Council will elect the city's mayor at a special election Nov. 8 following action yesterday by the Board of Supervisors and the City Council.

Supervisors authorized consolidation of the special election with the Nov. 8 general election yesterday morning. The council, following nearly 90 minutes of heated debate last night, appropriated \$7,370 to finance the balloting.

Council action came on the same 4-3 vote which last week approved submission of the proposed charter amendment to the voters. J. A. Beasley, David K. Lyman, Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr., and George Vico voted in favor of the appropriation last night. Lyman authored the proposed amendment. Councilmen Ken Miller and H. Ted Olson joined Mayor Albert Isen in opposition.

Miller again raised the issue of timing and said he had not been able to study the proposal when it was submitted last week. "Personally, I can't conceive that this will ever be approved," he said.

MILLER ALSO told his colleagues they were "equally guilty" if Isen is "ramrodding" the council.

"Any day Mayor Isen can intimidate me, I want to get off this council," Miller said. He and Olson opposed the action because they objected to the manner in which it was presented, they said.

In answer to a question raised by Miller, City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer said the amendment, if approved, might affect Isen's current term, which does not expire until 1970. He said charter amendments normally become effective when they are approved by the Legislature.

Isen, conceding the measure would wind up on the ballot, said, "In a way, I hope it does." He predicted the people would oppose the change "en masse." He called the election an "insult to the intelligence of the voters" and said charges that he con-

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## Expect Record Classes

More than 34,000 were expected to begin classes here today as the city's four high schools and thirty-four elementary schools opened for the fall term.

The record enrollment forced plans for split sessions for students at five locations. Third graders at Hickory, Wood, Meadow Park, Carr, and Jefferson schools were expected to go on the double session schedule and the second graders at Hickory, Wood, and Meadow Park.

PRESCHOOL estimate put the anticipated enrollment this fall at 34,094 and included 20,804 elementary school students and 9,490 high school students.

Opening of two new schools—the Sam Levy and the Grace Wright elementary schools—is expected next spring and will relieve double sessions at a number of the schools.

Torrance High School opened today on its Golden Anniversary year, and students were handed an abbreviated copy of the school paper, the Torrance News Torch, with a gold imprint calling attention to the half-century observance.

Special classes for the educationally handicapped opened at Crenshaw, Hillside, Parkway, Sepulveda, Steele, and Yukon elementary schools.

## Fee Hike For City Licenses

Steps to increase the city's business license fees by an average of 25 per cent were approved by a unanimous vote of the City Council last night.

Councilmen first approved the hikes, which became effective next Jan. 1, when they approved the budget for 1966-67 in late June.

Basic license fees will be increased from \$28 to \$35 and the current fee of \$2 for each employe will be hiked (Continued on A-2)

## New Civil Service Talk Set

Torrance councilmen will convene at 7 p.m. tonight for a public hearing on a proposed new Civil Service ordinance.

The council is considering two proposed ordinances. One, drawn by the Civil Service Commission and endorsed by that group, would retain a strong Civil Service system, the council was told last night.

The alternate ordinance, approved by the council's own Finance Committee, has been described as "nothing but a merit system" by Lawrence Townsend, a member of the Civil Service Commission.

Councilmen and the Civil Service Commission have spent nearly three years in drawing up the two ordinances.

No action is expected at tonight's session. Final approval of a new ordinance will probably require several weeks, councilmen indicated.

# Common Sense Key, Teachers Advised

Torrance teachers—some 1,500 of them—were warned not to let "professional pomposity" get in the way of common sense in education" Monday by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools.

Dr. Hull, addressing teachers at an orientation meeting prior to the scheduled opening of school today, cited the Torrance schools' program of remedial reading classes, which he said have proven successful despite predictions by professionals to the contrary.

The success of the program, he said, is due to "the insistence by the Board of Education that we listen to parent demands for remedial reading. Sometimes laymen are not blinded by dark glasses that professionals are wearing in view of certain misconceptions that have been the result of misinterpretation of previous experimentation."

THE ISSUE of the professional versus the layman is going "to rear its head to be constantly before us," Dr. Hull told the teachers. "I don't think it is ever going to go away as long as lay boards set policy for professionals to follow," he added. "They are going to find our blind spots from time to time and that is good whether we like it or not."

Reviewing the school district's own lessons during its past 19 years, Dr. Hull told the teachers that parents base their attitude toward the schools largely by the classroom experiences of their own children.

"If you have an unsuccessful child in your classroom, you can be pretty certain he's backed up by an unhappy parent," he told the teachers. Then he advised the group, "Do something about it. Don't let it ride."

THE SUPERINTENDENT also warned against the use of tests as the "gospel truth" and added, "A classroom is as good as its teacher."

Returning to the issue of laymen and the professional educator, Dr. Hull told the group, "We are a nation of amateurs. Everyone seems to love to be an expert in the other fellow's field."

"What is more," he declared, "in many instances he has the native insight or related experience to make him right occasionally and partially right even more frequently."

WARNING THAT "assuming professionalism doesn't make it so," Dr. Hull told the teachers that professionalism "is

something that is not achieved until granted by the public."

"Petty tyrants do not make the world go round; they clog it up," he declared. "Flexibility is the key. Understanding and tolerance can be powerful allies."

"Maybe I could have said it all in one sentence, like, 'A teacher affects eternity; and it's pretty important to give sympathetic, understanding answers to questions of parents and students,'" he concluded.



POW: ZAP KRUNCH!... Batman, alias Adam West, will be on hand Saturday at the Rolling Hills Theater for the first annual meeting of the Torrance Family YMCA's Batclub. Members of the club may attend free if they've paid their annual dues of \$1, which goes to the YMCA building fund. The Batclub session is scheduled for noon.

(Press-Herald Photo by Mike Eggers)

## Batman to Visit Batclub Meeting

Gotham City's famed caped crusader will visit Torrance Saturday to preside over a meeting of the Torrance Family YMCA's Batclub.

Adam "Batman" West will preside over the first annual meeting of the YMCA club at the Rolling Hills Theater, 2335 Pacific Coast Hwy., at noon. Membership in the Batclub is open to everyone.

Youngsters—or oldsters—wishing to join the Batclub should visit the YMCA, 2900 W. Sepulveda Blvd., and pay the \$1 annual dues—which goes to the Torrance Family YMCA building fund.

New members will receive a free picture of Batman and Robin, a membership card, and a pass to Saturday's annual meeting.

Movies will be shown and prizes awarded during the meeting. A visit to the Batcave also is planned.

## Olson To Lead Kiwanis

Torrance City Councilman H. Ted Olson has been elected to serve as lieutenant governor of Division 19 of the Kiwanis International, it was announced today.

Olson, an active member of the Torrance Kiwanis Club for the past 10 years, was elected unanimously to the post by the 22 Kiwanis presidents in Division 19. The election was ratified last week at the 51st annual convention of the Kiwanis International in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Employed as a purchasing agent by the Union Carbide Corp. here, Olson is the



H. TED OLSON

South Bay District chairman for the Boy Scouts of America and serves on the Board of Directors of the Torrance Family YMCA. He also is a member of the United Crusade board and a member of the Los Angeles County Citizens' Advisory Committee.

Olson and his wife, Vickie, are the parents of a daughter. The family resides at 23023 Dana Court. Mrs. Olson currently is the president of the Torrance Women's Club. Installation ceremonies are scheduled Nov. 12 in San Pedro.

## Bicycle Auction Set

Unclaimed bicycles will be sold at auction by the Torrance Police Department Saturday, Sept. 24. The auction will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the driveway area between the city hall and police department building, according to Police Lt. Robert E. Hammond.

## Chlorine Victims Released

Only five of the 65 persons seeking treatment at Harbor General Hospital after being overcome with chlorine gas Monday near 223rd Street and Wilmington Avenue remained in the hospital last night. Of these, Los Angeles County deputy sheriff Joseph Landreth, one of the first on the scene of the Monday morning accident, was seriously ill. He was scheduled to be transferred to another hospital today. Investigators at the scene reported that a workman cut into a pipeline carrying the chlorine gas in the mistaken belief that it was a pipeline his company was scheduled to replace.

## Hospital Decision Near

A decision on the acquisition of property near Lomita Boulevard and Madison Avenue for a new medical complex, including a new, modern facility for Torrance Memorial Hospital, should be reached this weekend, according to Leonard Ensminger, hospital administrator. Negotiations for an agreement with a group of Torrance area physicians who are working on plans to develop the medical complex have been under way for several months. A meeting of the hospital board of directors is scheduled Friday, the administrator said.